

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraphs starting on these lines as follows:

Page 40, line 12:

Examples of a retardation plate include birefringent films prepared by subjecting polymeric materials to uniaxial- or biaxial-drawing treatment, oriented films of liquid-crystal polymers and oriented liquid-crystal polymer coatings supported by films. The drawing treatment can be performed according to, e.g., a roll drawing method, a long-gap follow drawing method, a tenter drawing method and a tubular drawing method. The draw ratio is generally from 1.1 to ~~1.3~~ 3 in the case of uniaxial drawing. The thickness of a retardation plate has no particular limits, but it is generally from 10 to 200  $\mu\text{m}$ , preferably from 20 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Page 54, line 9:

In the organic EL display having such a structure, the organic luminescent layer is made of a very thin film whose thickness is of the order of 10 nm. Therefore, light can almost totally pass through the organic luminescent layer as in the case of the transparent electrode. As a result, when the display is in a state of ceasing light emission, the light incident from the surface of a transparent substrate passes through the transparent ~~substrate~~ electrode and the organic luminescent layer, bounces off the metal electrode and goes back to the side of the transparent substrate surface. Therefore, the screen of the organic EL display looks like a specular surface when viewed from the outside.

Page 57, line 3:

In a separable flask equipped with a thermometer, a stirrer, a reflux condenser and a nitrogen-gas introduction tube, 97 parts of butyl acrylate, 3 parts of acrylic acid, 0.2 parts of azobisisobutyronitrile and ethyl acetate in an amount required for adjusting the solid contents to 30% were set, and then nitrogen replacement was carried out for about 1 hour while admitting nitrogen gas into the flask and stirring the ingredients put in the flask. Thereafter, reaction was run for 7 hours while heating the flask at 60°C to yield an acrylic polymer having a weight average molecular weight (Mw) of ~~1,000,000~~ 1,100,000.